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1.  two reports on the Soviet Tank Repair Shop in Wunsdorf. The reports give information on organization, strength, activities, monthly pay, and personalities. A sketch showing installations and a legend is also included.

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The Soviet tank repair shop in Wunsdorf is composed of 8 departments wherein Soviet enlisted men and Germans work together. An additional dept. which handles the assembly of radio and armament equipment is closed to German employees. In all, there are approximately 700 workers composed of 400 Soviets and 300 Germans. The shop repairs prime movers in addition to tanks. The tanks on which repairs are ~~made~~ ~~made~~ are described as being the T-34 and T-154, [redacted]

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PT-70? amphibious tank, low silhouette, lighter than the T-34.

Chief of the German employees is one Frau PRIETZEL. (Kaderleiterin)

The dept. designated as <sup>No.</sup> 8 is responsible for the upkeep of all mechanical, technical and electrotechnical equipment used throughout the shop, as well as overseeing the proper functioning of all utilities. This dept. is composed of 10 <sup>Russians</sup> ~~Soviets~~ and 10 Germans.

The Soviets report to the shop at 0745 hrs. arriving in formation under the command of a Major, <sup>(NB) whose name is unknown.</sup> They usually remain in the shop after the German employees have left for the day.

Pfc. Nikolai SVETKOV or TSVETKOV is in charge of the <sup>soldiers</sup> ~~Soviets~~ working in Dept. 8. [redacted]

Although the <sup>Russians</sup> ~~Soviets~~ and Germans are not permitted to converse with each other, the <sup>Russians</sup> ~~Soviets~~ often request assistance from the Germans, either in broken German or with ~~high sign language~~ sign language. At ~~lunch~~ lunch time the <sup>Russians</sup> ~~Soviets~~ are led off in formation to their own dining room where Germans are not allowed to go. The <sup>Russians</sup> ~~Soviets~~ complain about their food: "Cabbage

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and macaroni nine times a week." For this reason they sell everything they own; watches, cameras, cigarettes, etc. All is sold very cheaply, watches may be bought for 20 <sup>(DME)</sup> ~~marks~~. The money is usually spent on edibles which are purchased ~~either~~ either at a Konsum or at the Soviet PX which is located at the shop and where the German sales girls speak Russian.

Formerly Soviet soldiers were ~~paid~~ <sup>DME</sup> paid 25 ~~marks~~ per month but now receive only 15 <sup>DME</sup> ~~marks~~. <sup>DME</sup> [ ] officers receive 500 ~~marks~~ per month. Soviet enlisted men are not permitted to visit town although they do so with special permission of the Major. Officers have free rein.

\* Comment [ ]: The enlisted men are allegedly now receiving only 20 marks a month in cash. They supplement this by selling goods, such as watches — even actually having watches sent to them from the U.S.S.R. for this purpose and underselling the German H.O. stores. (Although [ ] the price [ ] quoted was more like 50 or 60 marks.) They consider that they need the money for vodka.

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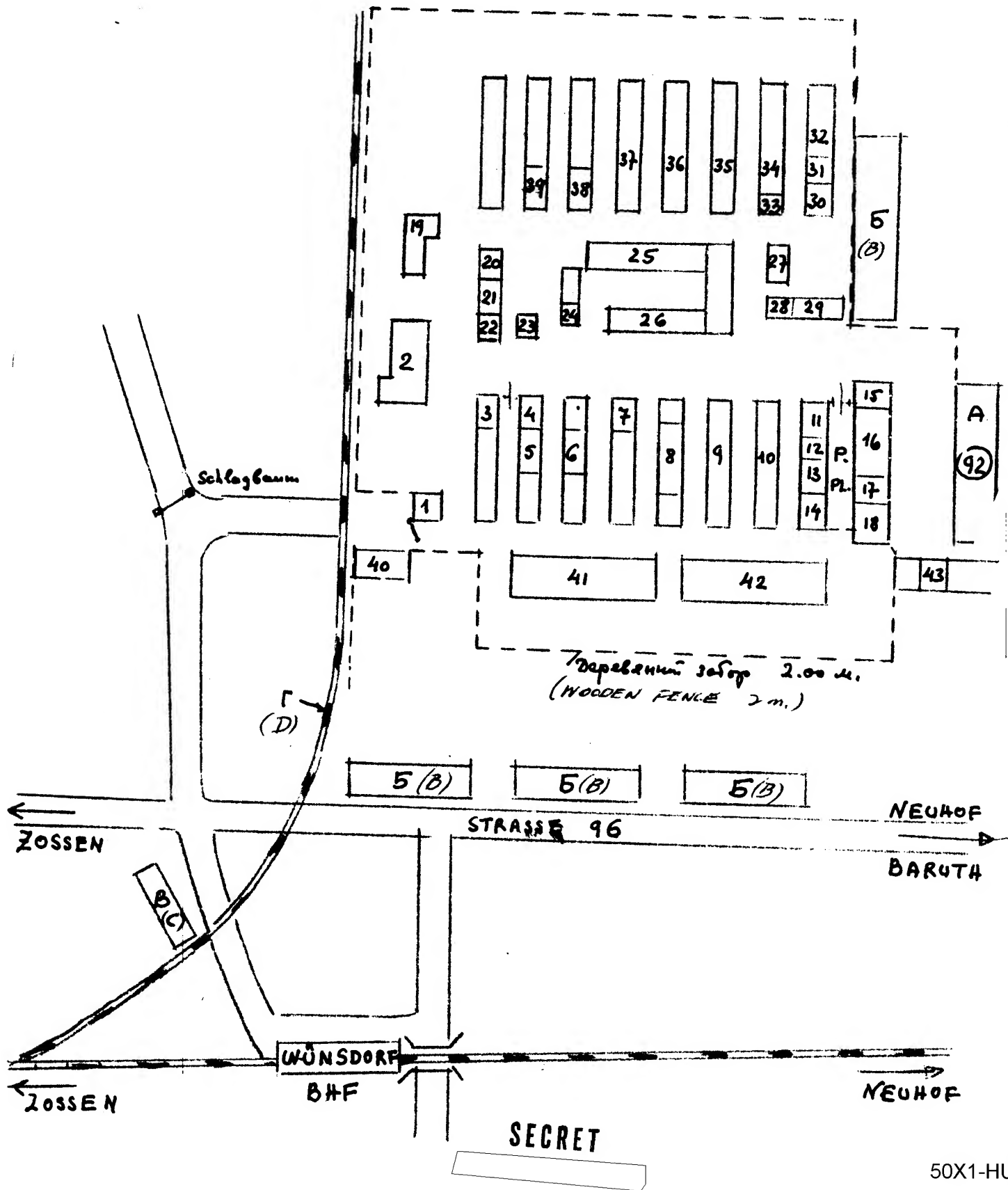
1. Entrance to shop, furnpike, guard house.
2. Kitchen and dining room for Soviet enlisted men and officers attached to shop.
3. Dispensary for Soviets
4. Accounting office, paymaster for German employees.
5. Headquarters
6. Tinsmith
7. Soviet store
8. Club and cinema
9. Artillery shop, repairs tank armament
10. Motorcycle shop, general and minor repairs ~~infantry~~ military motorcycles
11. Automobile shop
12. Kitchen for German employees.
13. Dining room for German employees
14. Garages, parking lot is toward main bldg.
15. Dept. 8, office
16. Dept. 8, machine shop
17. Dept. 8, welding shop
18. Dept. 8, carpentry shop
19. Blacksmith
20. Central heating
21. Dept. 5, casting shop
22. Dept. 5, tinsmith
23. Electric shop, transformers
24. German store, "Konsum"
25. Assembly of repaired tanks.
26. Disassembly, preparation of tanks for repairs.
27. Compressor
28. Dispensary for Germans
29. Vulcanizing shop
30. Dept. 8, electro-technical shop.
31. Welding
32. Galvanizing
33. Personnel office.
34. Dept. 4, repairs of parts.
35. Dept. 4, machine and polishing shop
36. Dept. 3, auto and tank electric shop
37. Warehouse
38. Armour shop
39. Testing
40. Garage for bicycles of German emps.
41. Barracks for Soviet enlisted men attached to shop
42. Barracks for Soviet officers attached to shop.
43. Storage battery repairs and charging
  - A. Hangar #92 - formerly motor shop. Currently used only by Soviets.
  - B. Barracks - Soviet Units.
  - C. Special work shop, Repairs and construction of new units.(Germans)
  - D. Railroad spur. Used for transport of tanks and materials.

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SOVIET TANK REPAIR SHOP IN WUNSDORF

Dept. 8

PENTHER, Chief. ←

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RAABE, chief of electro-technical section of Dept. 8.

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PRIETZEL, Frau, personnel chief.

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